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Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned)	Art Unit: 3749
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Filed: Herewith)	Deposit Acct. No.: 04-1403
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Title: Method of Drying a Web)	Customer No.: 22827

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Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97, et seq., Applicants note that U.S. Patent Nos. 6,149,767 and 6,331,230 to Hermans, et al., which are cited in the PTO-1449 form submitted herewith and are co-owned by the assignee of the present application, disclose the use of two consecutive through-dryers to form a paper web (See e.g., Fig. 17).

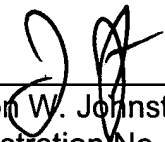
In connection therewith, Applicants wish to notify the Examiner that, prior to September 17, 1999, the assignee of the present application sold paper webs in the United States that were made using two consecutive through-dryers. In some circumstances, the initial through-dryer was operated at a temperature of 400-500°F to begin drying the web, and the following through-dryer was operated at around 350°F to finish drying the web.

Applicants request that the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97, review and consider the aforementioned information. Applicants in no way admit that any of the above information is effective as prior art against the present application under either 35 U.S.C. §102 or 35 U.S.C. §103. Additionally, the submission of the above information is not to be taken as an admission of the materiality of such information to the prosecution of the present application.

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